

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification

The amendments to the specification, as detailed above and in the marked-up version of the Substitute Specification, merely seek to correct obvious linguistic errors and to place the application in a format that conforms to United States patent practice. For example, the amendment on page 8 is obvious from the description of Example 1, in particular page 63, lines 26-29. Similarly, the amendment on pages 2 and 35 finds support on page 3, lines 6-7. The various amendments on pages 3-8 were made in order to maintain consistency between the specification and amended claims (see below). Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented with these amendments. These amendments to the specification have been presented in the form of Substitute Specification in order to facilitate publication at the Patent Office.

Applicant has also introduced a corrected paper copy of the Sequence Listing into the Specification. The computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing that is filed herewith contains the exact same information as this corrected paper copy. The corrected Sequence Listing differs from the originally filed paper Sequence Listing (filed in Japanese on August 21, 2003 with the original application) and the paper Sequence Listing that is included with the English Translation (filed herewith) as follows:

1. Attorney docket number has been inserted under identifier <130>
2. U.S. Serial No. and filing date have been added under identifiers <140> and <141>
3. Japanese Serial No. and filing date have been moved to identifiers <150> and <151>

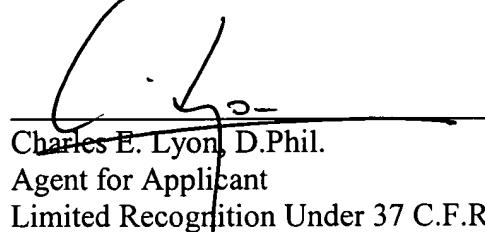
Amendments to the Claims

The amendments to the claims, as detailed above, merely seek to place the application in a format that conforms to United States patent practice. Specifically, claim dependencies were amended to remove multiple dependencies of multiple dependent claims (e.g., claim 3). New claims 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 find support *inter alia* in original claims 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

and 15, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented with these amendments. For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean version of the claims as amended herein is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his/her time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4793. Although it is believed that there is no fee associated with this Amendment, if Applicant is mistaken, please charge any fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,


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